Emphasis on opening of CGHS Homoeopathy Units in Delhi

4190. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due attention and emphasis are not being given by Government to opening of CGHS Homoeopathic units in Delhi for the last twelve years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Ninth Five Year Plan has been finalised and some provisions has been made for opening of some units under Homoeopathic system of Medicine in Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) and (b) Due attention and emphasis for opening of CGHS Homoeopathic Units in Delhi is being given by the Government subject to fulfilment of conditions of requirement, feasibility, financial resources and manpwoer availability.

(c) and (d) Some proposals for opening of Homoeopathic Units under CGHS, Delhi have been included in the Ninth Five Year Plan which has not been finalised so far.

Health Care Programme for poor School Children

4191. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any new proposal for starting health care programme for poor school children in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) A Special School Health Check-up Scheme for primary school students was taken up in all States/Union territories on pilot basis during 1996-97 in the form of a special campaign. The scheme has since been discontinued as a centrally funded scheme. Some State Governments are implemeting their own school health schemes by using State funds.

Implementation of Notification Prohibiting Sale of Salt

4192. SHRI N.R. DASARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Minister has written letters to certain Chief Ministers requesting for strict implementation of his ministry's notification dated 27th November, 1997 prohibiting the sale of common salt for human consumption;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Governments of Kerala, Andhra Pradesh etc. have expressed their resentment against this order; and

(d) if so, the reasons they have mentioned and the Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) and (b) The Union Health Minister had written a letter to the Chief Ministers of States/Union Territories on May 12, 1998 requesting them to ensure that adequate production of iodized salt is encouraged in their States/UTs and further steps are taken to ensure streamlined distribution and free